

pages 35-46 containing the revised Sequence Listing into the application.

Please renumber pages 38-43 containing the claims and the abstract as pages 47-52, respectively.

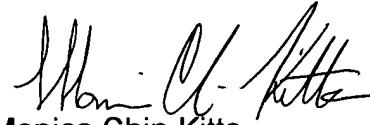
REMARKS

In view of the above amendments applicants submit that this application is in condition for examination on the merits and request consideration and favorable action thereon. Applicants further submit that this Preliminary Amendment does not contain any new matter, and that the attached Sequence Listing complies with the Sequence Listing Rules 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

If for any reason, the Examiner feels the application is not now in condition for examination, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant(s)'s undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 14-1060, along with any other fees which may be required with respect to this application.

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